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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 2, 5-11, and 23-27. Add new claims 28-45.

said tissue with a morphogen selected from the group consisting of an OP-1 polypeptide, a BMP2 polypeptide, a BMP-5 polypeptide, a BMP-6 polypeptide, and a 60A polypeptide, wherein said morphogen induces dendritic outgrowth of a hippocampal neuron.--

- --29. (new) The method of claim 28, wherein said OP-1 polypeptide comprises residues 30-292 of SEQ ID NO:2.--
- --30. (new) The method of claim 28, wherein said OP-1 polypeptide comprises residues 30-292 of SEQ ID NO:2.--